

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/982,210

Examiner

William J. Allen

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the response filed 7/26/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-15 and 17-25.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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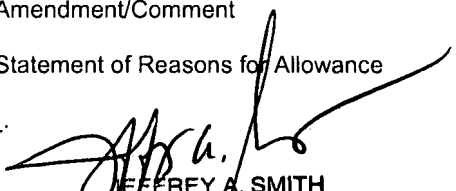
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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DETAILED ACTION

Prosecution History Summary

Claim 16 has been canceled.

Claims 1-5 and 17-23 are pending and allowable as set forth below.

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election with traverse of Group I in the reply filed on 7/26/07 is acknowledged. The traversal is hereby found to be persuasive, thereby, the restriction requirement has been withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Upon review of the evidence at hand, it is hereby concluded that the evidence obtained and made of record, alone or in combination, neither anticipates, reasonably teaches, nor renders obvious the below noted features of applicant's invention as the noted features amount to more than a predictable use of known elements in the prior art.

In light of Applicant's remarks filed 11/3/2006 and 4/17/2007, the allowable features are as follows:

Regarding independent claim 1, "presenting translated content in a third format for delivery to said purchasing requisitioner, wherein said presenting comprises selectively retrieving one or more of said corresponding data objects and attributes according to one or more flags, wherein each flag indicates whether or not a corresponding data object or attribute is to be presented in said translated content".

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Regarding independent claim 11, “processing said purchase requisition request in said electronic purchasing system according to a flag for the out-bound XML data, wherein said flag indicates whether or not a corresponding data object or attribute is to be presented in said out-bound XML data”.

Regarding independent claim 17, “processing said purchase requisition content access request in said electronic purchasing system by selectively retrieving one or more of said corresponding data objects and attributes according to a flag, wherein said flag indicates whether or not a corresponding data object or attribute is to be presented in said outbound XML data”.

Regarding independent claim 23, “transforming said retrieved XML content into appropriate content for an underlying markup language of an Internet browser used by a user submitting said purchase request by selectively presenting said retrieved XML content according to a flag, wherein said flag indicates whether or not a corresponding data object or attribute is to be presented”.

Regarding dependent claims 2-10, 12-15, 18-22, and 24-25, these claims depend either directly or indirectly from allowable claims 1, 11, 17, and 23, and are thereby allowable for at least the reasons above.

In addition to the above, the Examiner emphasizes the interrelation of the above distinguishing elements with the remainder of each respective claim, and further notes that it is that interrelation that truly distinguishes Applicant’s invention from the evidence at hand. It is hereby asserted by the Examiner that, in light of the above and in further deliberation over all of the evidence at hand, that the claims as a whole are allowable as the evidence at hand does not anticipate the claims and does not render obvious any further modification of the references to a person of ordinary skill in the art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to William J. Allen whose telephone number is (571) 272-1443. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeff A. Smith can be reached on (571) 272-6763. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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